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Title: Need to create a new Railway Zone with Headquarter at Guwahati.

SHRI ANWAR HUSSAIN (DHUBRI): People of entire North East Region have demanded creation of a new Railway Zone at Guwahati with Maligaon and Dibrugarh Railway Divisions for a long time. The Government records reveal that of 10% of the earmarked budgetary allocation for North East, out of the total railway budget, only partially budget utilized for the eight North Eastern States. The said 10% is always being utilized in NF Railway. The N.E.R. Railway spends the said 10% for N.E.R. states in the entire NFR Zone and claim that it was spent on N.E. It is not fair and justified. Maximum of the 10% is being spent in Katihar and Alipurduar divisions.

On the other hand, there is a separate Ministry for development of N.E. States called DONER.

Many of the NE States do not have railway connection and Railway Department is contemplating to connect all states with railway line.

I strongly urge upon the Government to create a new Railway Zone with Headquarters at Guwahati at the earliest.